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REPORT

COUNTRY East Germany

TOPIC Military Information from the Ohrdruf Troop Training Grounds

EVALUATION

PLACE OBTAINED

50X1-HUM

DATE OF CONTENT

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. On 9 July 1953, [redacted] a tent camp in the training area east of the Gotha-Ohrdruf road. About 20 trucks, 20 guns, 18 T-43 tanks and 4 SP guns [redacted]

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[redacted] were observed. On 16 July, the tent camp had been broken. At 1:10 p.m. on 21 July, 3 x 122-mm field howitzers, 12 x 76-mm field guns, 37 trucks, [redacted] 4 jeeps and about 200 troops wearing red-bordered black and black-bordered crimson epaulets were loaded on 34 flatcars and 17 boxcars at the Ohrdruf railroad station and left toward Gotha. On 23 and 25 July, 30 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and 30 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets received instruction on four 57-mm AT guns in the training area. [redacted]

[redacted] were seen nearby. At about 4:30 p.m. on 23 July, 7 trucks [redacted] 5 x 76-mm field guns, 1 x 120-mm mortar, 6 x 82-mm mortars and about 100 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets were seen en route toward the barracks installations in Gotha, coming from Ohrdruf.

2. Between 15 and 18 July, the Ohrdruf troop training grounds was heavily occupied. Every night, the noise of firing practices of infantry, tank and artillery units was heard from the training area. [redacted]

3. On 17 July, an AAA unit was entrained in Ohrdruf. [redacted]

## Comment.

[redacted] units of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div and the 20th Gds Mecz Div can be carried at Ohrdruf as previously. The train on 17 July [redacted] carried an AAA unit of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, presumably the 935th AAA Bn (US). On 21 July, artillery units of the same division were entrained possibly for Altengrabow.

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